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Suggestion 78-221

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[REDACTED]
Executive Sec'y
Sug. & Ach. Awards Cmte
Room 1001 Ames Bldg.

Joe:

I think your response to the suggestor should include a statement on the security and logistics problems of handling large numbers of children on a daily basis.

Additionally, it should be pointed out to the suggestor that the exhibit to which he refers, "Blacks in the Westward Movement" was on loan from the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian, we understand, had a number of duplicate exhibits that were widely displayed in the area, including the Anacostia Museum. Thus, the Black History display is not "limited to those who have business in the building."

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EO/DDA

Att: Suggestion 78-221; School
Participation in Agency
Recognition of Black History
Month w/PRS note to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 14 June 78.

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
SUGGESTION AND ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS COMMITTEE
1001 AMES BUILDING

EXTENSION

NO.

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COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1. [REDACTED]
O/DDA SAAC Member
c/o OS Registry - 4 E 49 HQ

5/16/78 CMA

(1) and (2): Because of physical security and escort aspects, we first sent the attached case to OS for evaluation. Their response which recommends decline is attached.

2. [REDACTED]
Executive Officer/DDA
7 D 18 Headquarters

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So that OP would know about the proposal we next sent it to the OP Suggestion Coordinator who commented:

"While the presentation is not an OP matter, we would concur with the scope of the problems cited by OS as a matter of serious concern in opening up the Agency to large numbers of school children. It is our understanding that the (Feb '78) exhibit was obtained somewhere in the D.C. School System, (Anacostia, we think) and would therefore be available to school children without coming to CIA."

Copy of the suggestion and the above OP reactions was sent to Mr. Janney for his info to date on the proposal. At this stage, because of the OS concern, we have not sent the case to Director, EEO for evaluation. It seems best to first seek a Directorate of Administration position.

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15. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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SUGGESTION EVALUATION REPORT

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TO: Executive Secretary
Suggestion Awards Committee

SUGGESTION NO.

78-221

SUSPENSE DATE

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this form in detail to guide the Suggestion Awards Committee in making a final determination of the merits of this suggestion. Retain third copy.

1. ACTION RECOMMENDED ☐ ADOPT ☒ DECLINE ☐ OTHER (Specify):

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION (If more space is needed, use plain paper)

No matter how desirable this suggestion might be from a public relations view, from a security standpoint the problems involved are substantial. Such groups would necessarily have to be escorted while in the building at considerable expense. The Office of Security, under current manning and funding levels, does not have the resources to support this large additional security escort requirement. In addition to the protection of classified material and information, we must be concerned with the cover security of our many covert personnel who daily work in all parts of the Headquarters Building. Unless we are to disrupt Agency business and restrict the free use of Agency areas of these covert employees as they carry out their daily tasks, we cannot provide adequate protection to their cover. In addition, the underwriting of the safety of groups of 6th and 7th grade school children while on the compound would represent a heavy responsibility for the Agency.

It is for the above reasons that our recommendation is to decline.

3. TANGIBLE FIRST-YEAR SAVINGS (Man-hours, material, equipment, etc.)

4. INTANGIBLE BENEFITS (See guide on reverse side of third copy)

5. WHAT OTHER OFFICES, DIVISIONS, ETC. MIGHT ALSO USE THIS IDEA?

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Security Division/OS

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<p>TITLE OR SUBJECT OF SUGGESTION</p> <p>"School Participation in Agency Recognition of Black History Month"</p>	<p>SUGGESTION NO.</p> <p>78-221</p>
<p>PRESENT METHOD During February 1978, in commemoration of Black History Month, the Agency presented an historical, pictorial display entitled "Blacks in the Westward Movement." The photographs and captions chronicled the little-known participation and contribution of Black Americans in a particular phase of American history--an aspect long neglected in the teaching of American history.</p> <p>As a former instructor of Black History, I was deeply impressed with the display and wished that more people had been able to see it. The effort and expense of setting up such a display could be offset if it were shared with a wider community. The content of the display was such that others should be exposed to it.</p> <p>At present, viewing of the Agency's Black History display is limited to those who have business in the building.</p>	
<p>I SUGGEST I would propose that for next year's commemoration of Black History Month, the Agency set up a similar display and invite small groups of students daily from area schools (D.C.-Md.-Va.) to view it. I think 6th or 7th graders would be of optimum age. Following the viewing, the students could be escorted to a room for a brief lecture on Black history to elucidate what they have seen. The lecture would be presented by an Agency employee. A brief movie or slide show of relevant material could also be incorporated into the program. Light refreshments could be served.</p>	
<p>ADVANTAGES</p> <p>The proposed project would serve two worthy purposes: 1) Perform a civic, educational service by the Agency which would be welcomed by participating schools; and 2) Assist the Agency in improving its public image.</p> <p>The program The program would have a favorable and lasting impact on youngsters. It will be for most of them their sole, lifetime contact with the Agency and with Agency personnel although they will continue to read and hear adverse criticism of the Agency and its employees for the remainder of their lives. The presentation and knowledgeable lecture on Black History by an Agency employee help to dispel the widespread image of Agency employees as one-dimensional men. ^{would}</p> <p>The educational and public relations aspects of the proposed program are worthy of consideration.</p>	
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Remarks:

If OP's understanding is correct and we had borrow the exhibit from Anacostia, it would seem to me we would be guilty of misrepresentation to palm the exhibit off as a CIA creation. This notwithstanding; — I agree it would present all sorts of logistical & security problems.

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Remarks: As our ECO facilitator, what do you think. Seems Security is making more of it than necessary - maybe 2 or 3 grades (13-15 yrs old) seems young.			
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